

REMARKS

Claims 37 and 51-68 are now pending. Applicant has added claims 51-73, cancelled claims 1-36 and 38-50, and amended claim 37.¹

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his consideration during the telephone interview of November 3, 2004. During that interview, applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed a proposed claim that more clearly recites aspects of the invention. The discussed claim corresponds to independent claim 51. Independent claims 37, 58, 65, and 69 are directed to subject matter that is similar to that of claim 51. In this response, the Examiner requested that applicant point to the sections of the specification that provide support for the elements of the proposed claim. The following table points to that support. Although one section of the specification is cited for each element, each element may be additionally supported by several other sections of the specification.

| Element of Claim 51 | Support in Specification |
|---|--------------------------|
| registering pluggable terminals with a terminal manager by providing a terminal class name, a media direction flow, a set of media types, and a method for signaling events | 23:20-24 |
| receiving a request for available terminals | 30:9-17 |
| in response to receiving the request, providing a list of registered terminals indicating the registered media direction flow and registered set of media types | 30:9-17 |
| receiving a selection of a registered terminal | 30:9-17 |
| instantiating a terminal object of the terminal class name for the selected registered terminal | 30:9-17 |
| conducting media processing during a communication session using the registered method of the instantiated terminal object for communicating media processing events | 22:22-23:9 |
| wherein the pluggable terminals provide a uniform interface to the terminal manager | 22:13-14. |

¹ Applicant authorizes the Examiner to cancel claim 37 if the Examiner allows claims 51-73, but does not allow claim 37.


The Examiner also requested applicant to show how the new claims are different from Mathis. Mathis describes a Java telephony application programming interface ("JTAPI"). JTAPI corresponds roughly to applicant's telephone application programming interface ("TAPI"). Both JTAPI and TAPI provide a uniform interface to application programs.

The new claims, however, are directed to providing pluggable terminals that can be registered with and provide a uniform interface to a terminal manager of JTAPI or TAPI. Moreover, the claims recite that a registered pluggable terminal can be selected from registered pluggable terminals and then instantiated to provide support through the uniform interface. Applicant's claims are thus directed to a technique that may be used by implementation of JTAPI and TAPI to interface with terminal objects. Although Mathis describes terminal objects, it neither teaches nor suggests that the terminal objects provide a uniform interface, are registered, or are selected as recited by the claims.

Based upon these remarks and amendments, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

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